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1. IT OCCURS TO US IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONCERN OVER THAILAND'S DECISION TO RECEIVE A NORTH KOREAN TRADE DELEGATION THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A STUDY PREPARED WHICH WE COULD SHARE WITH THE THAI AND CERTAIN OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS ON THE DIPLOMATIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE NOW BEING WAGED BY CERTAIN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

2. THE THAI ARE AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS THAT NORTH KOREA, IN PARTICULAR, IS BRANCHING OUT TO EXPAND ITS CONTACTS, AND, IF POSSIBLE, ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THEY ARE PROBABLY LESS AWARE OF THE DETAILS OF REFUSAL BY THE COMMUNIST NATIONS TO RESPOND TO THE INITIATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA. A STUDY ON THIS BY INR OR SOMEONE ELSE WITH SUCH CAPABILITIES, WOULD BOLSTER OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE RTG ON AN EVEN KEEL. SUCH A STUDY COULD USEFULLY INCLUDE EFFORTS BY THE COMMUNISTS IN MANY AREAS TO ISOLATE OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

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